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LAND EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people living near Sarjoo, Ghaggar, Naraiyani and Rapti rivers are facing loss of lives and properties due to land erosion by rivers; and

(b) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Flood management being a State subject, the schemes for flood control are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities out of their State plan funds which are made available to them through Planning Commission. The assistance rendered by Central Government is technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. All Ganga Basin States were asked to submit proposals of anti erosion schemes to Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) for a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, `Critical anti erosion works in Ganga Basin States` with central share of Rs.136.17 crore, which is under operation during 2004-07. Schemes on Rapti river, as proposed by State Government of Uttar Pradesh have already been approved by GFCC for inclusion in this scheme.

As per policy of Uttar Pradesh Government, no measures are proposed to protect villages situated in the flood plain area by erosion of rivers by Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department. However, District authorities and revenue department advise villagers situated in the flood plain areas to shift to safer areas.